

Steering Committee Meeting Notes 11.15.10

A slim group of folks met last night but as planned we determined how we would like to see the overall garden design be phased in. I have included Laura with the Dpt. of Neighborhoods and our architects, Winterbottom Associates in this email with hopes they will reply to the group with a more updated drawing, guidance and materials list.

Priorities for Phase1

1. All in ground veggie beds and we are okay if they do not have an edging for now; possibly each gardener would customize their own (the accessible beds would phase in later).
2. Water and we need to know where that water/bib will end up in the layout to think ahead.
3. Gabion/retaining walls, we would like to know options for bulk materials before getting too clever, so we are sure they are structurally sound to hold up the wall/slope.
4. Wood chip for paths and the paths can be limited to just enough to get us from the street/bulk storage and up to each row of veggie beds.
5. We will need to relocate many existing trees. We would like a cost estimate on the move, is it possible with man power or by machine...
6. We would like to see the previously discussed steps added to drawings.
7. Swap the wood bridges for culverts covered with sod/grass. If needed, the East "bridge" and path up has priority in Phase 1 over the West "bridge".
8. Tool shed and compost bins for now will hopefully be ones that are donated kits and easy to assemble.

We found that we really couldn't dig too deep into the donation/fund raising plan until we see a materials list for our "Phase 1". Although each person from the meeting last night took a few of our brainstorm contact list names home with them and will report back to the group via the ListServ on what they have found.

Sams

Costco

Swansons

Sky

Lowes

HomeDepot

Pacific Topsoil

Cedar Grove

Dunn

TBD Gabion Company

TBD Sheet Metal Company

TBD Cement Co

Our goal at this point is to:

1. Approach the business or group
2. Ask if they do donations of cash, materials or gift certificates
3. If they do, what is their process with any important dates or paperwork sent our way

Don't hesitate to do this on your own to any additional business. Just let the group know who you have approached so we aren't overlapping our efforts.

Also, search out grant opportunities and guidelines and bring it to the group. Most large companies make yearly charitable donations.

Keep in mind that in the future there will be fundraisers and work parties so don't shy away from a company offering a \$20 gift certificate, free coffee etc... We also have 501c3 status with the P-Patch Trust (making their contributions tax deductible) Laura can provide us with this information and paperwork once we get underway.

More news

If you ever signed up on a list and said you were interested in grant writing, fund raising etc... Gloria has taken on the task of calling to get you more involved.

Unfortunately, last night was my last foray as a Committee Co-Chair please contact Nick Provo, slightlytipsy@hotmail.com, or Laura Raymond, Laura.Raymond@seattle.gov, if you are interested in a leadership role with the group.

The group would like to meet again Monday, December 13th at 630pm. I will confirm the room availability and get back tot he group ASAP.